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GIPSA Announces Quality Management Training

WASHINGTON, January 13, 2005 - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, in collaboration with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, will offer a training session called "Creating and Documenting a Quality Management System." Any interested party who is currently operating a grain, feed, seed, or associated agribusiness and using a quality management system, or who is developing a quality management system for review by USDA may participate in the training.

The training will cover ISO 9001:2000 and ISO Guide 65 quality systems, USDA's Process Verified Programs, and the Quality System Assessment Program.

A 2-day training session will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 and Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at the GIPSA Technical Center, located near the Kansas City, Missouri, airport. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. The session will be cancelled on Monday, February 7, 2005, if there are fewer than 6 participants.

To participate in the training sessions, contact Beth Hayden at telephone 202-205-4007, or via email to Beth.E.Hayden@usda.gov.

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GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 18, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in California.

- The California Department of Food and Agriculture (California) has asked GIPSA for a voluntary cancellation of their delegation and designation effective April 30, 2005. Accordingly, California's designation will cease effective April 30, 2005. GIPSA is seeking applicants to provide official services in California. Applications are due by February 18, 2005.

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GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect Aflatoxin In Corn

WASHINGTON, DC (February 7, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified that the R-Biopharm Rhone Ltd. AFLACARD T20, Part # P57, a qualitative screening test kit for the detection of total aflatoxins. The screening test is a qualitative enzyme immunoassay that detects the presence of aflatoxin at a threshold of 20 parts per billion in corn in 5 minutes.

This test was evaluated under GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program.

GIPSA deputy administrator David Shipman stated that GIPSA'S evaluation of test kits will help the U.S. grain market make more informed decisions about the grain being bought and sold.

For information on GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program and Proficiency Program, visit GIPSA's Biotechnology web page at <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/biotech/biotech.htm>.

For technical information on test kit performance evaluation, contact Tim Norden, GIPSA Technical Services Division, 816-891-0470, or by e-mail at Tim.D.Norden@usda.gov.

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GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (February 8, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Arizona and Texas.

- GIPSA is requesting comments on the applicants to provide official services in the Southwest Arizona area, and in the unassigned South Texas area. Richard Dan Prince, proposing to do business as Farwell Commodity and Grain Service, Inc., applied for designation in Maricopa, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yuma Counties, Arizona. There were four applicants for the South Texas area: Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Plainview), and D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc., (Schaal) both currently designated official agencies; a company proposing to do business as Global Grain Inspection Services, Inc., (Global) with the parent company of BSI Inspectorate America Corporation, and Tyrone Martin, Sr., proposing to do business as Gulf South Regional Grain Service, LLC, (Gulf South). Plainview, Schaal, Global, and Gulf South applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area named in the December 8, 2004, Federal Register. Comments are due by March 10, 2005.

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GIPSA To Revise Wheat Standards

Washington, DC (February 18, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration is revising the United States Standards for Wheat.

Specifically, GIPSA is amending the definition of contrasting classes in Hard Red Winter wheat and Hard Red Spring wheat so that Hard White wheat is not a contrasting class but is considered wheat of other classes. GIPSA also is adding to the standards the sample size used to determine sample grade factors. The changes become effective May 1, 2006.

"These actions," said GIPSA deputy administrator David Shipman, "are necessary to ensure market-relevant standards and grades, and to facilitate the marketing of grain."

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GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 1, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

- GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide official services in the Aberdeen, South Dakota; Decatur, Illinois; Hastings, Nebraska; Clinton, Iowa; Missouri, South Carolina, and Wisconsin areas. GIPSA is asking for applications for the areas, and comments about the current service providers by April 1, 2005.
- J. W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Barton); Central Illinois Grain Inspection, Inc. (Central Illinois); Central Iowa Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Central Iowa); North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (North Dakota); Northern Plains Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Northern Plains); and Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Plainview), are designated to inspect grain effective April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2008. Minnesota Department of Agriculture (Minnesota) is designated effective April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. For official grain inspection services, contact Barton at 270-683-0616, Central Illinois at 309-827-7121, Central Iowa at 641-648-3467, Minnesota at 612-341-7190, North Dakota at 701-293-7420, Northern Plains at 701-772-2414, and Plainview at 806-293-1364.
- GIPSA announces that Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc., is designated to provide Class X or Class Y weighing services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended. This action is effective April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2007, coinciding with their current designation. For official services, contact Eastern Iowa at 563-322-7149. For further information contact Virginia Roseberry at 202-720-9803, fax 202-690-2755 or e-mail virginia.v.roseberry@usda.gov.

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SA Announces Quality Management Training

WASHINGTON, (March 8, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, in collaboration with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, will offer a training session called "Implementing a Quality Management System." Any manager or middle-manager who wishes or has been called upon to implement a quality management system in a grain, feed, seed or associated agribusiness for review by USDA may participate in the training.

The training will cover ISO 9001:2000 and ISO Guide 65 quality systems, USDA's Process Verified Programs and USDA's Quality System Assessment Program.

The 2-day training session will be held on Tuesday, April 5, and Wednesday, April 6, in Moline, Ill., at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau Building. Space for the session is limited and participation is on a firstcome, first-served basis. Additional training sessions may be held if warranted by demand.

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GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 10, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in California.

GIPSA is requesting comments on the applicants to provide official services in California.

- Farwell Commodity and Grain Services, Inc., an official agency designated effective April 1, 2005 applied for designation in Imperial, San Diego, and Riverside counties, California;
- A company proposing to do business as California Agri Inspection Co., Ltd., with the parent company of Overseas Merchandise Inspection Co., Ltd., applied for designation in Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba, counties, California;
- California Grain Inspection Service, a partnership owned by Robert Chavez and Tim A. Walters, applied for designation in Corcoran, Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Tulare, and Ventura counties California; and
- Imperial Grain Inspection Service, a partnership owned by Tim A. Walters and Debra J. Walters, applied for designation in Imperial, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Riverside counties California. Comments are due by April 10, 2005.

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GIPSA Proposes A Change To Official Agency Supervision Fees

WASHINGTON, DC (March 21, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today proposed a change to fees assessed to delegated States and designated official agencies (official agencies) authorized by the Agency to provide official inspection and weighing services to the U.S. grain industry.

Currently, GIPSA charges supervision fees per service for an average cost of approximately 0.8 cent per metric ton of grain. These fees are charged by official agencies to their grain industry customers as part of their overall fee for inspection and weighing services. The proposed supervision fee is based on the weight of grain (metric tons) and will be 1.1 cents per metric ton. This increase is forecast to minimally increase the total cost of inspection services to the grain industry.

According to GIPSA deputy administrator David R. Shipman, the fee adjustment is necessary to collect sufficient revenue to cover the current and future cost of supervising the performance of the official agencies.

Written comments must be submitted on or before May 20, 2005, via e-mail to comments.gipsa@usda.gov; in hard copy to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604; via fax to (202) 690-2755; or via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect Cry9C In Corn

WASHINGTON, DC (April 7, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified that the Strategic Diagnostics, Inc. Trait (TM) Bt9 Corn Grain Test Kit Qualitative Lateral Flow Strip Kit, Part #7000012, detects the presence of one kernel of Cry9C corn in 800 kernels in 5 minutes (test strip development time).

This test was evaluated under GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program.

GIPSA acting administrator David Shipman said that GIPSA's evaluation of this test will help the U.S. grain market make more informed decisions about the grain being bought and sold.

For information on GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program and Proficiency Program, visit GIPSA's Biotechnology web page at <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/biotech/biotech.htm>.

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GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect CP4EPSPS In Soybeans

WASHINGTON, DC (April 19, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified that the Strategic Diagnostics, Inc. Trait (TM) RUR Bulk Soybean 5-Minute Qualitative Lateral Flow Strip Kit, Part #7000014, detects the presence of one kernel of CP4EPSPS soybeans in 1000 kernels in 5 minutes (test strip development time).

This test was evaluated under GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program.

GIPSA acting administrator David Shipman said that GIPSA'S evaluation of this test will help the U.S. grain market make more informed decisions about the grain being bought and sold.

For information on GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program and Proficiency Program, visit GIPSA's Biotechnology web page at <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/biotech/biotech.htm>.

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GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 1 , 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) today announced the following designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas of Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, Washington, and Wisconsin.

- GIPSA is seeking applicants to provide official services in Alabama; Essex, Illinois; Springfield, Illinois; and Washington State areas. Applications for the areas and comments about the current service providers are due by July 1, 2005.
- GIPSA is requesting comments on the applicants for service in the Wisconsin area. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection applied for their currently assigned area. Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc., a designated official agency with headquarters in Davenport, Iowa, also applied for designation in the area currently assigned to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Comments are due by July 1, 2004.
- The Georgia Department of Agriculture (Georgia); Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc. (Mid-Iowa); and the Montana Department of Agriculture (Montana) are designated to inspect grain effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2008. Schneider Inspection Service, Inc. (Schneider) is designated effective July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. For official grain inspection services, contact Georgia at 229- 363-3130, Mid-Iowa at 319-363-0239, Montana at 406-444-2402, and Schneider at 219 -992-2306.

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GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect Aflatoxin In Corn

WASHINGTON, DC (July 14, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified Neogen Corporation Reveal® for Aflatoxin kit, Product #8015 qualitative lateral flow strip kit, which detects the presence of aflatoxin at a threshold of 20 parts per billion in corn in 3 minutes (test strip development time).

This test was evaluated under GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program.

GIPSA acting administrator David Shipman said that GIPSA's evaluation of this test will help the U.S. grain market make more informed decisions about the grain being bought and sold.

For information on GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program and Proficiency Program, visit GIPSA Performance Verified Test Kits page at <http://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/tech-servsup/metheqp/testkits.pdf>.

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GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect Aflatoxin In Corn

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4, 2005 - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced that Charm Sciences, Inc., ROSA® Aflatoxin (Quantitative) test kit, Product #LF-AFQ-100 quantitative lateral flow strip kit has been approved for official testing of aflatoxin in the national grain inspection system.

Aflatoxins are toxins produced by a mold and can be present in corn, sorghum and other grains. Approval of this test kit expands the choice of aflatoxin test kits available to the national inspection system.

GIPSA has approved the official use of the ROSA® Aflatoxin (Quantitative) test kit to determine total aflatoxin levels in corn.

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GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect CP4EPSPS In Corn Or Soybeans

WASHINGTON, DC (Aug. 8, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration today announced it verified the Neogen Corporation's Reveal® for CP4 (Roundup Ready®) kit, Product #8005, qualitative lateral flow strip kit. The kit detects the presence of CP4EPSPS in 1 kernel in 800 kernels of corn or 1 kernel in 1,000 kernels of soybeans in 10 minutes (test strip development time).

This test was evaluated under GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program.

GIPSA acting administrator David Shipman said that GIPSA's evaluation of this test will help the U.S. grain market make more informed decisions about the grain being bought and sold.

For information on GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program and Proficiency Program, visit GIPSA Performance Verified Test Kits page at <http://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/tech-servsup/techservsup.htm>. For technical information on test kit performance evaluation, contact Lynn Polston, GIPSA Technical Services Division, 816-891-0444, or by e-mail at Lynn.A.Polston@usda.gov.

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GIPSA Verifies Performance Of Test Kit To Detect Aflatoxin In Corn

WASHINGTON, DC (Aug. 18, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration has verified Romer Labs, Inc., AgraStrip(TM) Total Aflatoxin Test (20ppb), Product #COKAS1000, qualitative lateral flow strip kit, which detects the presence of aflatoxin at a threshold of 20 parts per billion in corn in 5 minutes (test strip development time).

This test was evaluated under GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program.

For information on GIPSA's Rapid Test Performance Evaluation Program and Proficiency Program, visit GIPSA Performance Verified Test Kits page at <http://archive.gipsa.usda.gov/tech-servsup/techservsup.htm>.

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GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Aug. 18, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Minnesota.

- The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has requested that GIPSA cancel their designation, covering official domestic services, effective November 9, 2005. Minnesota will continue to provide export services under a delegation agreement. GIPSA is asking for applicants to provide official domestic services in Minnesota, by September 17, 2005.

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GIPSA Verifies Performance of Test Kit to Detect Aflatoxin in Corn

WASHINGTON, DC (October 3, 2005) - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration has approved Neogen Corporation's Veratox® Quantitative Aflatoxin Test kit, Product #8030, for official testing of aflatoxin in the national grain inspection system. The test kit is approved to determine total aflatoxin levels in corn.

Aflatoxins are toxins produced by a mold and can be present in corn, sorghum, and other grains. Approval of this test kit expands the choice of aflatoxin test kits available to the national inspection system.

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GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 23, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in Minnesota.

Grain Inspection, Inc., Mid-Iowa Grain Inspection, Inc., North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc., Northern Plains Grain Inspection Service, Inc., D. R. Schaal Agency, Inc., Sioux City Inspection and Weighing Service Company, and State Grain Inspection, Inc. are designated for portions of Minnesota. Jamestown, Mid-Iowa, North Dakota, Northern Plains, Schaal, and Sioux City, all officially designated agencies, are designated effective January 1, 2006, concurrent with their present designations. State Grain is designated effective January 1, 2006, and terminating June 30, 2007.

For service, please call: Jamestown, 701-252-1290; Mid-Iowa, 319-363-0239; North Dakota, 701-293-7420; Northern Plains, 701-772-2414; Schaal, 641-444-3122; Sioux City - 712-255-8073; and State Grain, 507-387-1514.

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GIPSA Official Designation Activities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 1, 2005) - USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) announces the following actions on designations to officially inspect and weigh grain in specified areas in Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Washington, and Wyoming.

- GIPSA is seeking applicants to provide official services in the Topeka, Kan.; Minot, N.D.; Lake Village, Ind.; and Cincinnati, Ohio areas. GIPSA is asking for applications for the areas, and comments about the current service providers by January 1, 2006.
- Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (Alabama); Kankakee Grain Inspection, Inc. (Kankakee); Springfield Grain Inspection, Inc. (Springfield); and Washington Department of Agriculture (Washington) are designated to inspect grain effective January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008. For official grain inspection services, contact Alabama at 251-438-2549, Kankakee at 815-365-2268, Springfield at 217-522-5233, and Washington at 360-902-1921.
- Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus) is designated to provide Class X or Class Y weighing services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended. This action is effective October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007, coinciding with their current designation. For official services, contact Columbus at 740-474-3519.

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USDA Issues Consent Decision Suspending Nathan Shaul D.B.A. Highmore Auction Sales And HS Cattle

WASHINGTON, March 21, 2005 - On Dec. 20, 2004, USDA issued a consent decision against Nathan Shaul doing business as Highmore Auction Sales and HS Cattle in Highmore, S.D. Shaul operated Highmore Auction Sales as a registered market agency and HS Cattle as a registered dealer subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

Shaul was suspended as a registrant under the P&S Act for a period of five years or longer until he can demonstrate solvency. However, if after a year Schaul can demonstrate that all livestock consignors have been paid in full and that Schaul is solvent, the suspension order may be modified. After nine months, Schaul may apply to GIPSA to become a salaried employee of another registrant.

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USDA Fines A.J. Peachey \$900

WASHINGTON, March 21, 2005 - On Dec. 16, 2004, USDA issued a consent decision against A.J. Peachey & Sons Inc. (Peachey) of Belleville, Penn. USDA ordered Peachey to pay when due for livestock purchased, and assessed Peachey with a civil penalty of \$900. Peachey buys and sells livestock for slaughter and is a packer subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

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GIPSA Publishes Notice Deposting 21 Stockyards

WASHINGTON, April 8, 2005 - The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration published a notice today in the Federal Register announcing that the Agency is deposing 21 stockyards. The facilities are no longer capable of being used as stockyards and, therefore, are no longer required to be posted.

Section 302 (b) of the Packers and Stockyards Act requires the Secretary to determine which stockyards meet the definition of "stockyard," and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. After giving notice to the stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard must be operated subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201-203 and 205-217a) until the Secretary deposes the stockyard by public notice.

GIPSA deposes a stockyard after the facility can no longer be used as a stockyard. Some of the reasons a facility can no longer be used as a stockyard include: the facility has been moved and the posted facility is abandoned, the facility has been torn down or otherwise destroyed, such as by fire, the facility is dilapidated beyond repair, or the facility has been converted and its function changed.

A list of the stockyards that have been deposed can be found on the GIPSA website at www.usda.gov/gipsa by following the link titled Rulemaking.

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GIPSA Publishes Notice Proposing To Post And Posting Stockyards

WASHINGTON, July 25, 2005 - Today the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration published a notice in the Federal Register announcing that the Agency is proposing to post 16 stockyards. The Agency has received information that the stockyards meet the definition of a stockyard under the Packers and Stockyards Act and, therefore, need to be posted. Posted stockyards are subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act. In addition, the Agency has determined that two the stockyards meet the definition of a stockyard under the Packers and Stockyards Act and, therefore, need to be posted.

Section 302 (b) of the Packers and Stockyards Act requires the Secretary to determine which stockyards meet the definition of "stockyard," and to notify the owner of the stockyard and the public of that determination by posting a notice in each designated stockyard. After giving notice to the stockyard owner and to the public, the stockyard must be operated subject to the provisions of Title III of the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 201-203 and 205-217a) until the Secretary deposits the stockyard by public notice. The stockyards that the Agency is proposing to post are:

- Morrilton Horse Sale, Morrilton, Arkansas
- G. R. Sales Co. at Southeastern Arena, Unadilla, Georgia
- Northern Indiana Collection Point, LLC, Shipshewana, Indiana
- Hardinsburg Horse Sales, Hardinsburg, Indiana
- Wakarusa Sale Barn, Wakarusa, Kansas
- Hays Brothers Livestock Market, LLC, Arcadia, Louisiana
- Welch Livestock Market, Inc., West Edmeston, New York
- Triad Livestock Arena, Archdale, North Carolina
- Highway 34 Auction Barn, Lugoff, South Carolina
- Wilson Horse and Mule Sale, Inc., Cookeville, Tennessee
- Country Horse Sales, LLC., Westmoreland, Tennessee
- Grimes County Stockyards, L.L.C., Navasota, Texas



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- Virginia Cattle Company, Radiant, Virginia
- Meadow View Farm, Thornton, West Virginia
- Milwaukee Stockyards, LLC, Reeseville, Wisconsin
- Horst Stables, LLC, Thorp, Wisconsin

The Stockyards that have been posted are:

- 101 Livestock Auction, Blackwell, Arkansas
- Lewisburg Livestock, Columbia, Tennessee

The public has 15 days in which to comment on the proposed posting of 16 stockyards. Further information on the proposed posting and posting of these stockyards can be found on the GIPSA website at www.usda.gov/gipsa by following the link titled Rulemaking.

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USDA Releases Interim Meat Marketing Report

WASHINGTON, August 2, 2005 - The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) today announced that researchers at RTI International have released an interim report on the use of marketing arrangements in the livestock and meat industries. GIPSA contracted with RTI to study the cattle, hog, and lamb industries. The interim report describes different ways of marketing livestock and meat, including traditional spot market transactions, and the reasons various types of marketing arrangements are used.

"In general, GIPSA found most buyers and sellers in the livestock and meat industries are using a portfolio of marketing arrangements rather than a single type," said Mary Muth, Ph.D., director of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Program at RTI International, based in Research Triangle Park, N.C. "Livestock and meat businesses are using a combination of marketing methods to complement their use of spot markets to obtain market access, to better manage price risk, to assure high and consistent quality and to reduce transactions costs."

The interim report, which was compiled by a team of researchers in North Carolina and from five different academic institutions nationally, also developed a classification scheme for marketing arrangements based on the method of procurement or sales, ownership arrangements, and pricing practices. Other important features of marketing arrangements include whether they are oral or written agreements, how long they last, who pays for transportation, the timing of negotiations, and quality requirements.

"The interim report provides a wealth of descriptive information on factors that enter into marketing and procurement choices made in the livestock and meat industry," said JoAnn Waterfield, deputy administrator of packers and stockyards programs for GIPSA.



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Waterfield also said the interim report findings are based on an assessment of trends in the livestock and meat industries and on discussions held with industry businesses. A second and final report, scheduled for completion in 2006, will include a variety of analyses to better understand the advantages and disadvantages of market arrangements.

A copy of the report and additional information about the study is available on GIPSA's website (www.usda.gov/gipsa), by following the "marketing study" icon.

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